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Status

1)☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 March 2007</u>.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle,* 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-26* is/are pending in the application.

   4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-26* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>25 July 2003</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

   Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

   a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

   1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

   2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

   3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

   * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1.   The amendment filed on March 05, 2007 has been received and entered. The amendment amended Claims1-2,4-5,12-13,15-16 and 23-24 and added claims 25-26. The currently pending claims considered below are Claims 1-26.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3.   Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Garvey et al. (5774667).**

Claims 1, 12, 23 and 24, <u>Garvey</u> teaches a, system , product and method of enabling a user to set a value for a plurality of network objects representing one or more portions of a plurality of different network device types on a communications network, the method comprising acts of:

(A) providing a user interface that enables the user to indicate a first value for which to set the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types by specifying the first value only once

(abstract; fig. 1; col. 3, lines 13-35; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40); and

(B) in response to receiving an instruction from the user, initiating setting a value

of each of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types equal to the first value(abstract; fig. 1, lines

13-35; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40).

Claims 2 and 13, <u>Garvey</u> teaches,

wherein a first network object of the plurality of network objects representing the one or

more portions of the plurality of different network device types resides on a first network

device and a second network object of the plurality of network objects representing the

one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types resides on a

second network device (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 13-35; LAN couples with several computer

systems as different type of devices; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40), wherein act (B)

comprises initiating a transmission of a first message, destined for the first network

device, configured to set a value of the first network object to the first value, and

initiating a transmission of a second message, destined for the second network device,

configured to set a value of the second network object to the first value(fig.1, col. 3,

lines 15-35; fig. 3, col. 4, lines 20-40).

Claims 25 and 26, Garvey teaches, wherein the first network device is a different

network device than the second network device (fig. 1:122, 124 and 165; different types

of network devices).

Claims 3 and 14, Garvey teaches,

 Wherein the user interface includes a graphical user interface (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 1-3).

Claims 4 and 15, Garvey teaches, wherein act (A) comprising acts of:

(1) concurrently displaying values of network objects on a display, including values of

 the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types, to the user (abstract; fig. 2, col. 3 lines 57-60);

 (2) receiving one or more user inputs, the one or more user inputs specifying the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types (abstract; fig. 3, lines 20-25); and

(3) receiving a value from the user for the plurality of network objects representing the

one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types(abstract; fig.3,

lines 20-25).

Claims 5 and 16: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 4 and 15

above and further discloses the steps of:

a. Displaying a first table to a user on the display including a plurality of rows and at least a first column (fig. 6, col. 3;lines 9-29).

b. Displaying a second table to the user on the display concurrently to displaying the first table, the second table including one or more columns, each column of the second table corresponding to a respective one of the columns of the first table (fig. 6,7, col. 3, lines 9-29); and

c. Receiving the value from the user for a column of the second table (fig. 7 col. 3, lines 9-29).

Claims 5 and 16: Garvey further teaches wherein:

act (A)(1) includes displaying a first table to a user on the display; the first table including a plurality of rows and at least a first column representing a first object type of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, each of plurality of the rows including a cell for the first column that stores a value for one of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types (fig. 6, col. 3;lines 9-29);

act (A) further comprises an act of: (4) displaying a second table to the user on the display concurrently to displaying the first table, the second table including one or more columns, each column of the second table corresponding to a respective one of the columns of the first table (fig. 6,7, col. 3, lines 9-29); and

act (A)(3) includes receiving the value from the user for a column of the second table

that corresponds to the first column of the first table (fig. 7 col. 3, lines 9-29).

Claims 6 and 17: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claim 5 and 16

above and further discloses the steps of:

    a. Receiving user inputs that specify the plurality of rows (fig. 6; col. 5, lines 9-

11); and

    b. Setting the cell for the column equal to the received value (fig. 6,7, col. 5, lines

10-29).

Claims 7 and 18: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16

above and further discloses the steps of:

    a. Defining the object device data type (fig. 4, col. 5, lines 1-8);

    b. Determining an editing control (fig. 6, col. 5, lines 9-14); and

    c. Providing the editing control on the display to enable the user to enter the

value for the specified column (fig.7, col. 5, lines 15-29).

Claims 8 and 19: Garvey discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16

above and further discloses that the second table includes only a single row (fig. 7). The

examiner sees that the table content position is off when the browser size changes in

(fig. 7), since that the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 7),

therefore a browser window change would dynamically set the table columns in a single

row form.

Claims 9 and 20: <u>Garvey</u> discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16

above and further discloses the step of displaying a scroll bar on the display (fig. 6 and

7).

Claims 10 and 21: <u>Garvey</u> discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 9 and 20

above and further includes the steps of displaying the second table at a position on the

display such that each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display

with its corresponding column of the first table (fig. 6 and 7). The examiner sees that the

table content position is off when the browser size changes in (fig. 6 and 7), since that

the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 6 and 7) therefore browser

window changes would dynamically set the vertical alignment of the cell contents in (fig.

6 and 7).

Claims 11 and 22: <u>Garvey</u> discloses a method, system and software product of enabling

a user to set a value for a plurality of network devices/objects as in claims 5 and 16

above and further includes the step of displaying the second table at a position on the display such that each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its corresponding column of the first table. The examiner sees that the table content position is off when the browser size changes in (fig. 6 and 7), since that the table columns are wider than the browser window in (fig. 6 and 7) therefore browser window changes would dynamically set the vertical alignment of the cell contents in (fig. 6 and 7).

Response to Arguments

4.   Applicant's arguments filed March 05, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

a. Claim 1, applicant argues that "Garvey fails to disclose setting a value of each of the plurality of network object representing a portion of a plurality of different network device types equal to the first value". The examiner disagrees, because Garvey teaches in (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 13-35) a network that includes different types of network device such as remote Mac, remote Pc and printer and a network management workstation 110 that execute a network management program for the different network device types. Therefore these above elements of Garvey's reference meet the claimed limitations of the claim.

b. As for the remaining claims, see response to applicant's arguments/rejections above.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

Buchler et al (20030028895) discloses a method and system for managing disparate video network devices through objects.

Nakamura (20020161740) discloses management system for devices connecting with network.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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